THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN) : (a) and (b) Development and modernisation of airports is a continuous process depending upon the traffic requirements, availability of funds, availability of land etc. and the works are undertaken in a phased manner.

(c) Modern equipments such as Doppler Very High frequency Omni Range (DVOR), Distance Measuring Equipment (DME) and Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) have been installed at Jabalpur Airport.

(d) There is a proposal to extend the length of the runway to 7500 feet at Bhopal airport to enable operation of AB-320 type of aircraft for which State Government has been approached for necessary land.

SC/ST and OBC candidates selected in the Ministry of Civil Aviation

2283. SHRI ANANTA SETHI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether as provided under para 11 of Explanatory Notes to DOPT OM No. 36012/2/96-Estt. (Res.) dated the 2nd July, 1997 persons belonging to SC/ST and OBC selected on merit are not required to be shown against the quota of vacancies/posts reserved for their communities; and

(b) if so, the total number of persons belonging to SC, ST and OBC selected/ recruited/promoted on merit to different categories of services and not counted against the reserved quota of vacancies/posts for their communities during the last three years under the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A total of 195 SC, 52 ST and 93 OBC candidates have been selected/ recruited/promoted on merit to different categories of services and not counted against the reserved quota of vacancies/posts for their communities during the last three years in the Ministry of Civil Aviation and its various organisations.

Offloading of passengers due to overbooking by AI

2284. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :